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Volunteers needed to help restore the beauty of California's treasured state parks

Participate in the California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day Events On Saturday, April 22

Volunteers of all ages are needed at California State Parks on Saturday, April 22 for the California State Parks Foundation's ninth annual Earth Day 2006 Restoration & Cleanup. Statewide, thousands of volunteers each year plant native trees and community gardens, restore trails and wildlife habitats, install recycling bins, remove trash and debris from beaches and parklands and make overdue repairs to fences and boardwalks.

California State Parks is again joining the California State Parks Foundation to participate in Earth Day events and projects throughout the state. The Foundation developed its annual Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup program in 1998 to facilitate completion of much-needed repair and maintenance projects at State and community parks with the help of program sponsors and volunteers.

Over the past nine years, with generous support from numerous co-sponsors, the California State Parks Foundation has awarded more than \$811,000 in grants while more than 49,000 volunteers have contributed more than 204,000 hours of work resulting in an estimated \$4.6 million in park maintenance and improvements.

"Volunteering on Earth Day to plant trees and flowers or clean up a beach is a terrific opportunity for families to have fun and give back to our parks. Working together we accomplish in one day the amount of environmental restoration that can normally take months, or even years, without community support," said Elizabeth Goldstein, president of the California State Parks Foundation.

To find a participating park nearby, volunteers can call 1-888-98-PARKS or log on to www.calparks.org.

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